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FOREWORD

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Each year, the publication of *Profiles: Idaho School Districts* provides decision-makers, researchers, and patrons throughout the state answers to many of the most commonly-asked questions: What do schools spend their money on? How many teachers do we have? What is the drop-out rate?

Even more important, the answers to these questions are different from district to district. Some information -- average salaries, for example -- can be ranked. Other sections, such as the district's progress toward meeting its goals or the brief yearly report from each district superintendent, show the variety of effort behind Idaho's public school system. The number of students in a district who qualify for free or reduced meals gives insight into the population of the district, just as property market value compared to student population is a key to the district's resources.

The State Department of Education and the state's school districts are strongly committed to accountability -- not just to the students enrolled in schools, but to the Idahoans who support the public school system. The yearly compilation of *Profiles: Idaho School Districts* is one way to offer Idaho taxpayers an objective look at the state's educational programs and at all the factors that have an effect on student performance and on district operations.

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